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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone for 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms is steady to fully steady. Demand moderate, best for deferred shipments. No sales of whole birds reported. Supplies light to adequate. Parts and meats trading slow. Offerings adequate. Trade sentiment generally steady.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Demand moderate. Trading light to moderate. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady. Most activity centering on frozen thighs and mechanically separated turkey.



WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/

OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	61-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	57-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 23 FEBRUARY 2000.

Undertone generally steady on 4-8 lb. breasts with most sellers resisting the lower buyer bids. Demand on 4-8 lb. breasts light to fair for the generally adequate offerings. Trading generally light on all items. Domestic trading centered on white meat items and mechanically separated turkey (MST) while exports centered on MST and thigh meat. Offerings of fresh tom breast meat tight for prompt shipments, frozen light to adequate and held with confidence. Destrapped tenderloins and thigh meat offerings light, MST available. Plant grade, basted 16-18 lb. breasts (part load) 105 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	101.00		101.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	149.00	14
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	97.00		97.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	19.00		19.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		W	20.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN				
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		F	22.26	54
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	26.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	22.00		22.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM		F	15.00	14
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	157.83	240
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	167.00		167.00	104
THIGH MEAT		F	61.67	60
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	61.01	112
BREAST TRIM MEAT		R	109.86	70
SCAPULA MEAT	69.00		69.00	120
TENDERLOINS		F	117.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	140.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	138.00-141.00		139.82	66
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	43.00-43.50		43.33	60
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	14.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	13.00-14.50		14.13	160

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		R	21.00	52
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	21.50		21.50	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS	16.00		16.00	28
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	15.00		15.00	208
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	62.00		62.00	288

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 02/23/00

POULTRY HEALTH BOARD	ACCUMULATED	
SEASON	HEAVY	ALL
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30	WHITE	WHITES BREEDS
1999-2000	22,493	207,432 207,782
1998-1999	-	320,261 320,611

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	80
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	80
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	66-68
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	65-66
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	66-73

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
TURKEYS Y HENS	93-105
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	93-105
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	93-105
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	93-105
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	94-105

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